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municipalities in suitable cases may be permitted to raise loans within their respective areas for any water-supply or drainage schemes."

SRI K. VENKAIAH :—" అయ్యా, మంచినీటి స్కీముల విషయంలో ఆంధ్ర ప్రాంతాలలో ప్రత్యేకంగా గ్రాంటులను మంజూరు చేసినప్పటికి ప్రత్యేకంగా ఆ స్కీములను ఆచరణలో పెట్టుటకు అడ్డుపడి ఈ ప్రభుత్వం నిలిపివేసినదనే వార్త ఎంతవరకు నిజము ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This is a question with regard to Vizianagaram. I cannot answer a general question like that off-hand."

Appointment of District Munsifs.

* 131-D *Q.*—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many times selection of candidates for the posts of District Munsifs was made since 1950;

(*b*) how many have been so far appointed; and

(*c*) what is the percentage of candidates from the High Court staff to the total appointments?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) No selection of candidates for appointment as District Munsif has been made by the Madras Public Service Commission subsequent to 1950. The High Court however selected certain candidates for temporary appointment on two occasions—once in 1951 and again in 1952.

" (*b*) Out of these selected by the High Court thirty-eight candidates have been appointed on a temporary basis.

" (*c*) About twenty-four per cent of the candidates appointed temporarily are from the High Court establishment."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know why the Public Service Commission was not consulted in the matter as required under the Constitution? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Because of the separation of the Judiciary and the Executive, rules pertaining to the appointment have to be revised and the Government are consulting the High Court in the matter. Until that is finalised, it is not possible to entrust the work to the Commission."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" When there is a statutory body like the Service Commission for the purpose of selecting candidates the Minister said that the High Court has been empowered to do the job as a temporary measure. When the appointments are made permanent, will the Government consult the Service Commission? "

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Certainly those are temporary appointments and the question whether they are to be made permanent will have to be decided by the Commission."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are the Government aware that in the recent selection, most of the candidates were only from the High Court staff such as bench clerks, ministerial clerks, etc.? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It has already been answered."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" No, Sir."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" We will get people with legal qualifications more from the High Court and the percentage of such men is only 24 after all."

Tuberculosis in Malabar.

* 131-E *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP (on behalf of Dr. K. B. Menon) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have figures about the incidence of tuberculosis in Malabar ;

(*b*) whether the disease is on the increase or decrease ;

(*c*) if it is on the increase, whether the Government are taking effective measures to check its spread ; and

(*d*) how many Tuberculosis Sanatoria there are in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

" (*d*) There are no Tuberculosis Sanatoria in Malabar district at present."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Administration Report of the Health Department shows at page 114-*f* the number of cases of tuberculosis treated in the hospitals in 1950–51. Therefore, I fail to understand the Minister's answer that there are no statistics whatsoever about the incidence of tuberculosis."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They are figures regarding the number of patients treated in hospitals."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Has any reservation been made for patients from Malabar in any of the sanatoria in the State? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no such reservation made for any particular district in any sanatorium. But in Malabar, at Periyaram, a tuberculosis sanatorium is being put up. I think it will be ready in a short time."